THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ):

(a) Central Railway	36
Eastern Railway	33
Norther Railway	55
North Eastern Railway	19
Northeast Frountier Railway	13
Southern Railway	50
South Central Railway	43
South Eastern Railway	16
Western Railway	30

(b) and (c) Work is in progress at 67 locations approved in the Annual Plan for 1996-97 out of which 4 locations are in Uttar Pradesh viz. Lal Kuan, Varanasi City (Satellite), Lucknow City Station (Statellite) and Modinagar.

Carrying of loaded trucks on rail wagons

89. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal/suggestion to carry the loaded trucks on rail wagons; and

(b) if so, the response of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have an open mind to explore feasibility of introducing this system.

Extension of Tirupathi Railway Station

90. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the length of the platform of the Tiruptathi Railway Station to accommodate more coaches;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when will the project be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Privatisation of Railway catering service

91. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIAMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to hand over the railway catering service to private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this facility is also likely to be extended for the trains running through Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) The present catering policy provides that new catering/vending services including those in Gujarat will be managed through licencees in the private sector.

Railway network between Renigunta and Gudur

92. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set-up railway network between Renigunta and Gudur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when will the electrification work between Renigunta and Hospet be taken-up;

(d) the approximate expenditure on the project; and

(e) the target for the completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Gudur and Renigunta stations are already connected by a broad gauge railway line and are on the national rail network.

(c) to (e) The electrification of Renigunta-Hospet section is an approved work but due to resource crunch, the work has been pended for the time being.

Increase in quota of berths at Nagpur Railway Station

93. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently increased the quota of sleeper berths/berths in various trains at Nagpur Railway Station in Maharashtra as demanded by the representatives of the people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any proposals to further increase the quota of the Station to accommodate more rail users from the Station; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Following additional quotas were allotted to Nagpur Station in various trains from the dates mentioned against each:

Train No.	Class	Qutoa	With effect from
1. 9767 Madras-Jaipur Express	Sleeper	14	4.10.1996
2. 9768 Jaipur-Madras Express	AC Sleeper	2	1.10.1996
	Sleeper	22	
3. 8404 Ahmedabad-Puri Express	AC Sleeper	4	3.10.1996
	Sleeper	64	
4. 8403 Puri-Ahmedabad Express	AC Sleeper	2	1.10.1996
	Sleeper	10	
5. 5092 Gorakhpur-Bangalore Exp.	Sleeper	8	7.10.1996
6. 2634 Chennai Rajdhani Express	AC Chair Car	2	14.12.1996

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

(d) Does not arise.

Maintenance facility for airconditioning coaches at Tirupati

94. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide maintenance facility for air-conditioning coaches at Tirupati Railway Station;

(b) the approximate expenditure thereon; and

(c) by when will it be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 40 lacs.

(c) This work is likely to be completed by December, 1998 subject to availability of funds.

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95. **श्री राघव जी:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश के कतिपय भागों में दिन के समय में द्वितीय श्रेणी के स्लीपर श्रेणी के डिब्बों में सामान्य टिकट धारकों को यात्रा करने की आज्ञा दे दी गयी है, यदि हां, तो देश में उन क्षेत्रों के नाम क्या-क्या है, और

(ख) क्या देश में अन्य भागों में भी यह रियायत दी जायेगी, यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) और (ख) दिन के दौरान यात्रा करने वाले दूसरी श्रेणी के कम दूरी के यात्रियों की आवश्यकताओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए जहां कहीं व्यावहारिक हो संबंधित